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1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON MNCS BY
CONSENSUS AUG. 1. TEXT SENT SEPTTEL.

2. WE ARE PLEASED WITH TEXT BECAUSE IT:

(A) DOES NOT ENDORSE THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EMINENT
PERSONS OR ITS RECOMMENDATIONS (AND IT REFRAINS FROM
SUPPORTING CLAIMS THAT MNCS INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS
OF STATES);

(B) DOES NOT EXPLICITLY OR IMPLICITLY APPROVE OR PURPORT
TO IMPLEMENT OR APPLY THE PROVISIONS ON MNCS OF THE
DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND THE NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER; RATHER, IT CONFINES ITSELF TO ANODYNE
"RECALLING" AND "TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT".

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(C) DOES NOT PLACE THE SUBJECT OF THE "CONTROL" OF MNCS ON ECOSOC'S AGENDA;

(D) IT ACCOMPLISHES OUR OBJECTIVE OF CONSTITUTING AN INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND MACHINERY ON MNCS (THOUGH THAT COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO REPORT SONNER THAN DESIRABLE).

3. ONLY CONSEQUENTIAL DRAWBACK OF RESOLUTION IS ITS ALL STATES FORMULA, DEALT WITH REFTTEL (B).

4. WHILE THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITH CUSTOMARY STATEMENTS OF GRATIFICATION, THINGS WERE UNCERTAIN MOST OF AUG 1, IN VIEW OF G-77 INSISTENCE THAT NEITHER USG NOR ANY OTHER MEMBER SHOULD MAKE ANY REFERENCE, UPON ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION, TO ITS RESERVATIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION OR ANY INTERPRETATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. WE REFUSED TO SO AGREE, NOTING THAT OUR RIGHT TO SPEAK IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE COULD NOT BE CHALLENGED, AND THAT WE WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO STATE THAT OUR RESERVATIONS ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION REMAIN IN FORCE. IN THIS RESPONSE, WE HAD FULL AND STRONG SUPPORT FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP B, AND FROM SOVDEL, WHICH TOOK VIEW THAT RIGHT OF ANY DELEGATION TO SAY WHAT IT PLEASES IS BEYOND DISCUSSION.

5. EVENTUALLY TERMS OF AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION WERE CONFIRMED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY MEMBER THAT WISHED WOULD REAFFIRM ITS NY RESERVATIONS. WE SAID WE COULD INFORM G-77 THAT WE PLANNED TO MAKE NO RESERVATION ON THIS MNC RESOLUTION, NOT IN DEFERENCE TO THEIR DESIRES BUT BECAUSE IN FACT WE HAD NONE.

6. AFTER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION, USDEL STATED THAT IT WELCOMED CONSENSUS ON IT; THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY USDEL IN NY AT TIME OF ADOPTION OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION REMAIN UNAFFECTED; THAT WE REGARD THIS RESOLUTION AS A STEP FORWARD AND HAVE NO RESERVATIONS TO ITS TERMS. ON BEHALF OF EC-9, FRANCE MADE A SIMILAR STATEMENT, ADDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO IT THAT IT RESERVED EC-9 POSITION ON DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER USAGE OF TERM "TRANSNATIONAL" AND ON ITS PROPER DEFINITION. AUSTRALIA AND CANADA MADE LIKE STATEMENT ABOUT "TRANSNATIONAL". JAPAN MADE A VAGUE CONGRATULATORY NOISE.

7. COMMENT: WE PASS ON WITHOUT COMMENT FOLLOWING REACTIONS.

TWO OTHER G-77 DELS WHILE STATING US POLICY NOT "PRO-GRESSIVE" NONETHELESS EXPRESSED "PERSONAL VIEW" USG COORDINATION OF COMMITTEE, CORRIDOR AND BACK ROOM MOVES "TACTICALLY BRILLIANT."

VARIOUS GROUP MEMBERS INFORMED USDEL THEY ARE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH TERMS OF RESOLUTION, WHICH THEY FIND BETTER THAN EXPECTED. BRAZILIAN AND ALGERIAN DELS CONGRATULATED USDEL ON CARRYING ITS OBJECTIVES.DALE

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